

REMARKS

Before examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment to correct the provisional application serial number on page 1 of the specification.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested and deemed in order.

Respectfully submitted,

LOWE HAUPTMAN GILMAN & BERNER, LLP

Kenneth M. Berner

Kenneth M. Berner
Registration No. 37,093

1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 310
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
(703) 684-1111 KMB:jad
Date: August 8, 2001

Facsimile: 703-518-5499

Serial No. 09/653,196

MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 as follows:

The present invention claims priority from a provisional application Serial No. [60/151,269] 60/151,629 filed on August 31, 1999 entitled "Management Decision Modeling Software Application" which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety into this specification. The present application is related to the application entitled "Branch Effectiveness Model Application" filed on even date herewith (NCR Docket No. 8320) which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety into the specification.